



## LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

November 21, 2006

The Honorable Board of Directors  
Los Angeles County  
Regional Park and Open Space District  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Directors:

**ALLOCATE FIFTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT CITIES AND COMPETITIVE  
EXCESS FUNDS AND AUTHORIZE AWARD AND ADMINISTRATION OF  
EXCESS FUNDS GRANTS  
(FIFTH DISTRICT - 3 - VOTE MATTER)**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Allocate Fifth Supervisorial District Cities and Competitive Excess Funds in the amount of \$2,370,250 as identified in the Attachment.
2. Authorize the Director of Parks and Recreation, in his capacity as Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, to award grants as identified in the Attachment when applicable conditions have been met and to administer the grants as of the date of this action and pursuant to procedures in the Procedural Guide for Specified and Per Parcel Projects.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS**

Approval of the first recommendation will allocate \$2,370,250 in Cities and Competitive Excess Funds for various trails projects and a grant to expand the Community Recreation Center in the City of Sierra Madre in the Fifth Supervisorial District as identified in the Attachment.

The 1996 Proposition requires that agencies to which funds were allocated under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996 encumber all such funds prior to receiving grants of Excess Funds.

Finally, it is recommended that the Director of Parks and Recreation be authorized to award the grants to the grantees identified in the Attachment, when applicable conditions have been met, such as grantee qualifications and consistency between the projects and requirements of the 1996 Proposition, and to administer the grants under procedures previously approved by your Board.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The proposed recommendations further the Board approved County Strategic Plan Goal No. 1 (Service Excellence), Goal No. 4 (Fiscal Responsibility), and Goal No. 5 (Children and Families' Well-being) by allocating Excess Funds for projects to enhance trails and bike paths and expand a Community Recreation Center in the Fifth Supervisorial District.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

Sufficient appropriation for the grants in the amount of \$2,370,250 is budgeted in the Fifth Supervisorial District portion of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District Excess Funds Project Fund, HD6.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The 1996 Proposition provides a method for determining each fiscal year the amount of funds available in the following fiscal year to fund capital improvement projects in addition to the amounts specifically identified for projects in the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996. The recommended grants would be funded from the Excess Funds available to the Fifth Supervisorial District from Excess Funds available for County and competitive projects.

The Board may establish additional conditions on grants of Excess Funds. The Director of Parks and Recreation would be authorized to award grants when all applicable conditions have been met. Any funds allocated by the Board, but not encumbered by award of a grant contract in the same fiscal year, shall be available for allocation by the Board in the following fiscal year.

Your Board approved a Procedural Guide on June 17, 1997, to govern the administration of Regional Park and Open Space District grants for Specified and Per Parcel projects. This Procedural Guide would appropriately govern the administration of the recommended additional grants as well.

County Counsel has reviewed these actions as to form.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

Grant Project Agreements will be entered into and administered under authority delegated to the Director of Parks and Recreation and pursuant to the Procedural Guide approved by the Board in 1997. The Project Agreements will be approved as to form by County Counsel.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

The recommended projects will enhance recreational opportunities on trails and bike paths and a Community Recreation Center in the Fifth Supervisorial District.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The proposed actions are not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in that the actions do not meet the definition of a project according to Sections 15378 (b)(4)(5) of the State CEQA Guidelines because the actions are administrative activities for government grants which by their terms do not involve any commitments to any specific projects which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

All projects funded by the District are also required to comply with CEQA. The Mountains Recreation and Conservancy Authority is the lead agency for the Pico Canyon and Mentryville Trailhead Projects; the County of Los Angeles is the lead agency for the Staging Areas and Arenas, the Fifth District Trails Signage and the Bonelli Park Bridge Trail Merger Projects. Also, each city identified in the Attachment is the lead agency for its listed projects. As such, all of these agencies will prepare appropriate environmental documents for the projects identified in the Attachment.

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**CONCLUSION**

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return one conformed copy of this action to the Chief Administrative Office, Capital Projects Division, and to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,



Russ Guiney  
Director, Parks and Recreation

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Attachment

c: Chief Administrative Officer  
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors (22)  
County Counsel

## PROPOSED FIFTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT EXCESS FUNDS PROJECTS

<u>Project</u>	<u>Grantee</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<b>Pico "Bakery" Canyon Waterfall Loop Trail Project</b> Scope: Development of a new ½ mile loop trail off the main trail in Pico "Bakery" Canyon in Santa Clarita Woodlands Regional Park – including seating and a foot-bridge.	<b>Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA)</b>	<b>\$98,626</b>
<b>Ben Overturff Trail Restoration Project</b> Scope: Replacement of ½ mile of washed out trail, clearance of brush along 2 miles of the trail, repair of trail a trail bench and tread, addition of waterbars, rock steps and containment walls, and installation of new interpretive signs.	<b>City of Monrovia</b>	<b>\$48,000</b>
<b>Mentryville Trailhead Improvements &amp; Connector Trail Project</b> Scope: Development of a new trailhead and a new ¼ mile connector trail at Mentryville in Santa Clarita Woodlands Regional Park including seating, interpretive signs, native plantings, and installation of a restroom at the trailhead.	<b>MRCA</b>	<b>\$101,124</b>
<b>Fish Canyon Falls Trail</b> Scope: Restoration of approximately 3 miles of hiking trail to Fish Canyon Falls.	<b>City of Duarte</b>	<b>\$27,000</b>
<b>Central Arroyo Seco Trail Restoration Project</b> Scope: Restoration of 200 lineal feet of historic trail in Brookside Park including regrading and resurfacing, repair of stone walls and seating, reorientation of seating and steps and replacement of entry gates at two trail entrances along Arroyo Terrace.	<b>City of Pasadena</b>	<b>\$149,750</b>
<b>Horsethief Canyon Park Multi-use Trail System Project</b> Scope: Widening and clearing of the Poison Oak Trail and construction of a hilltop picnic area including installation of picnic tables, benches, hitching posts and the planting of trees.	<b>City of San Dimas</b>	<b>\$118,000</b>
<b>Bailey Canyon Park Trail Improvement Project</b> Scope: Upgrade of the park entrance sign, trail signage and restroom improvements to comply with Americans With Disability Act requirements.	<b>City of Sierra Madre</b>	<b>\$57,750</b>
<b>Cortez Park Trails Extension Project</b> Scope: Construction of a new walking trail loop in the south-easterly portion of the park including concrete walking trails, retaining walls, benches, picnic tables, security lighting and the relocation of sprinklers.	<b>City of West Covina</b>	<b>\$150,000</b>
<b>Staging Areas and Arenas Refurbishment Project</b> Scope: New hitching rails, nose troughs, split rail fencing, picnic benches, tree planting, parking lot alterations, painting, and refurbishment of reviewing stands and restrooms at various equestrian facilities in the Fifth Supervisorial District.	<b>County Parks and Recreation (DPR)</b>	<b>\$130,000</b>

<b>Vincent Lugo Park Renovation Project</b>	<b>City of San Gabriel</b>	<b>\$150,000</b>
Scope: Addition of pedestrian trails and bridges to the park, and interpretive trail along Alhambra Wash and a link to trails connecting the park to the City's Mission District.		
<b>Sand Canyon Multi-use Trails Project Phase II</b>	<b>City of Santa Clarita</b>	<b>\$150,000</b>
Scope: An 8 to 12 foot-wide earthen multi-use trails with fencing on both sides to link the Sand Canyon Community to the 14.5 mile long Santa Clara River Trail.		
<b>Fifth District Trails Signage Project</b>	<b>DPR</b>	<b>\$120,000</b>
Scope: Replacement and upgrade of signage at all County staging areas, trailheads, equestrian arenas and trailways in the Fifth Supervisorial District.		
<b>Barrel Springs Trail Enhancement Project</b>	<b>City of Palmdale</b>	<b>\$150,000</b>
Scope: Repair of fences, posts and signage along the existing trail, modify a traffic signal push button, construct approximately 650 feet of additional trail improvements and a restroom for trail users within Tejon Park.		
<b>Bonelli Regional Park Bridge Trail Merger</b>	<b>DPR</b>	<b>\$120,000</b>
Scope: Installation of a pre-fabricated bridge over Live Oak Creek to connect the North Shore Trail and the Rocky Trail at Frank G. Bonelli Regional Park.		
<b>Prime Desert Woodlands Project Phase II</b>	<b>City of Lancaster</b>	<b>\$150,000</b>
Scope: The addition of approximately one mile of decomposed granite walking trails including a bridge and boardwalk to expand the existing Prime Desert Woodlands.		
<b>Trails at the City/ University Of La Verne Sports Complex</b>	<b>City of La Verne</b>	<b>\$150,000</b>
Scope: Construction of a multi-use trail at the sports complex to connect the new athletic complex to the Marshall Canyon Trail.		
<b>Edison Property Passive Use Park and Parking Facility</b>	<b>City of La Canada Flintridge</b>	<b>\$150,000</b>
Scope: Construction of a park and parking lot on Southern California Edison property including a trail that will provide linkage to the existing trail system.		
<b>Expansion of the Community Recreation Center</b>	<b>City of Sierra Madre</b>	<b>\$350,000</b>
Scope: Expansion of and improvements to the multi-purpose room and the facility entrance, and construction of restrooms at the Community Recreation Center in the City of Sierra Madre.		
<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$2,370,250</b>